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1. The Arizona Data Qualifiers, developed by the sub-committee of the Arizona Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee, dated 12/11/2000, have now been revised and are now available for use. Additional qualifiers have been added to the original list. The new expanded list "AZ Data Qualifiers, Rev 1.0, 05/13/2002", can be found on the ADHS's web site: <http://www.hs.state.az.us/lab/license/tech/infoup.htm>

The new items are in bold.

2. A reminder:

The permitted maximum holding time from sample collection to initiation of analysis for heterotrophic bacteria in drinking water is eight hours.

3. If a batch spike recovery is outside of the acceptable range, it is permissible to only flag the sample that was spiked and not the other samples in the batch. As required in the Arizona Adopted Rules A.A.C. R9-14-617.F, clients must always be informed if the batch QC result is unacceptable whether one of their samples was spiked or not. The laboratory can choose how the unacceptable QC is reported to the client (e.g., cover letter or footnote).
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